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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/696,159 for
METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SEMICONDUCTOR
STRUCTURE
Our Ref. No. 1406/177

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Form;
2. An Amendment A; and
3. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

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Practitioner's Docket No. 1406/177

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Amon et al.

Group Art Unit: 2818

Serial No.: 10/696,159

Examiner: Le, Thao P.

Filed: October 29, 2003

Docket No. 1406/177

Confirmation No.: 7637

For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURE

**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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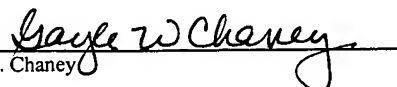
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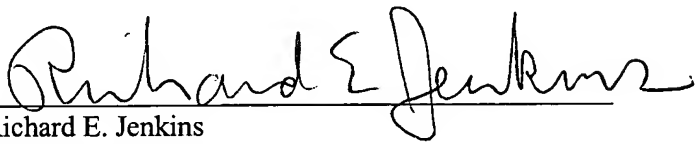
FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL ADDIT. FEE					\$	0.00	

No additional fee for claims is required.

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated March 3, 2005, for which a shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on June 3, 2005. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.